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Planting Trees for a Sustainable Future

Every year, communities around the country gather to celebrate Arbor Day and spread the message of preserving our environment and the incalculable benefit of trees.

The holiday, which has been observed for nearly 150 years, was originally founded by a Nebraska City settler and journalist, J. Sterling Morton, in 1872. Having noticed the lack of trees and greenery in the newly established Nebraska territory, Morton set out to organize his local community to rally around a day to plant trees. During that first Arbor Day in America, more than one million trees were planted in the prairie state, forever changing its landscape. Morton's environmental stewardship and enthusiasm for trees helped start a global movement that is still relevant and just as impactful today.

This Saturday, join me as I lead the City of LA's annual Arbor Day celebration with 400 community volunteers to plant more than 170 new trees in North Hollywood.

This unique event, which I'm hosting in collaboration with City Plants and other local partners, will transform a busy 1.6 mile stretch of Vineland Avenue from a bare, concrete corridor into a greenway potted with drought-resilient street trees. So, roll up your sleeves, grab a shovel and meet me at the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center for a fun-filled day of climate action and community beautification.

Arbor Day 2018

Saturday, April 28, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Victory and Vineland Recreation Center

11117 Victory Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91601

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Planting trees is just one of the many steps we've taken to reduce emissions and improve our effect on the environment.

Recently, a new report revealed LA's 11% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2016, a sign that the city is on track to meet its ambitious goal of a 45% reduction by 2025. The decline is a result of our shift away from coal-powered energy and transition to renewable sources.

Last summer, LA also convened the first meeting of the 100% Renewable Energy Advisory Group, composed of universities, non-profits, neighborhood councils, businesses and the U.S. Department of Energy, to launch an unprecedented analysis to determine how the city can fully transition its electricity generation to

renewable energy. It is an action that I championed to lead us to a more sustainable future.

Los Angeles has made remarkable progress to transform the way we power our communities, and our collective actions show the strong commitment we have to protect our natural resources.

If you have comments, please contact me: paul.krekorian@lacity.org or (818) 755-7676.

Very truly yours,



Paul Krekorian
LA City Councilmember, District 2

TOP STORIES

Krekorian Kicks Off City Budget Hearings



LOS ANGELES - On Friday, LA Budget Chair Paul Krekorian convened the first day of budget deliberations for the city's 2018-2019 fiscal year.

During the next two weeks of public meetings, the Budget Committee will analyze, review and finalize the city's proposed \$9.9 billion spending plan. The committee will talk with city department heads, get public input on the budget and make amendments to Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. This is Councilmember Krekorian's seventh straight year overseeing LA's budget process.

"This budget will be a statement of our city's values and priorities, and will give us the tools to make our communities safer and more livable over the next year," said Councilmember Krekorian. "During these hearings, I plan to focus on making sure Los Angeles can move ahead with our bold plans to tackle homelessness, while continuing to improve critical neighborhood and public safety services."

To learn how you can join the conversation and follow along, visit facebook.com/Krekorian.

City Shares Survey Findings on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace



LOS ANGELES - This week, the city's Personnel Department released the results of a city employee survey about sexual harassment and reporting in the workplace. The survey was part of a report requested by Councilmember Krekorian to examine the scope of the issue in each city department.

Nearly 10% of city employees participated in the anonymous survey, with 17.7% of those reporting they have experienced sexual harassment in the workplace. Additionally, more than 80% of the survey respondents overwhelmingly support the implementation of a sexual harassment reporting hotline and online reporting system, both of which were proposed by Councilmember Krekorian in the measure he introduced in 2017.

Take Metro's New Survey for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project



LOS ANGELES - Metro wants to hear from you about the best transit alternatives to the 405.

As part of a feasibility study for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, the transit agency is conducting a public survey to identify and evaluate a range of high-capacity transit alternatives between the San Fernando Valley and LAX, with possible connections to existing and planned Metro bus and rail lines, including the Orange, Purple and Expo Lines.

You can provide your input by taking a short [survey](#) and be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. For more details, visit www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor.

The feasibility study is scheduled to be complete in fall 2019.

Alert: Benedict Canyon Closure Could Impact Traffic



LOS ANGELES - On Tuesday, May 1, LADWP will begin replacing 5,200 feet of aging water pipe with a new steel pipe along Benedict Canyon Drive from Mulholland Drive to Hutton Street.

During construction, Benedict Canyon will be closed to through traffic from 9 am to 9 pm, Mondays through Fridays, and 9 am to 6pm on some Saturdays. Although the closure is not in Council District 2, Coldwater Canyon may experience more traffic during afternoon rush hour due to the closure.

Construction will conclude on or before November 30.

For more information, visit www.ladwp.com/benedictcanyon or contact project manager Matthew Gonzalez: (213) 367-1222.

CITY HIGHLIGHT

Green Improvements on Lankershim Boulevard



NORTH HOLLYWOOD - On May 9, come to a community meeting to discuss the new green improvements coming to Lankershim Boulevard.

The project will add sidewalk and below ground features that capture stormwater to recharge our local aquifers and reduce flooding potential while beautifying the street with public art and landscaping along the Lankershim corridor between Victory and Chandler boulevards.

You can attend either of two informational meetings to learn more about the project:

Daytime Informational Meeting:

12 pm to 1:30p m

Robertson Honda

5240 Lankershim Blvd

North Hollywood

Evening Informational Meeting

6:30 pm to 7:30pm

East Valley High School

5525 Vineland Ave

North Hollywood

COMMUNITY CORNER

Planning 101: Learn How LA Builds the City



NORTH HOLLYWOOD - How do you build a city like Los Angeles? Learn from LA city planners about what it takes to develop the nation's second largest city during an upcoming training session called Planning 101.

Planning 101

Monday, April 30, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

North Hollywood Recreation Center

11430 Chandler Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91601

The Planning 101 training will provide an overview of the basic elements of planning, land use, and zoning, with a focus on the project planning process. You can RSVP to attend the workshop by visiting goo.gl/yFYrDd.

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Councilmember Krekorian and the CD2 staff showed solidarity with survivors of sexual violence and raised awareness about sexual assault prevention on Denim Day. | Photo: CD2



Councilmember Krekorian joined thousands of marchers during this year's March for Justice to commemorate the Armenian Genocide | Photo: CD2

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Book to Action: Animals
Saturday, April 28, 3 pm - 5 pm
Studio City Library
12511 Moorpark St.
Studio City, CA 91604

Come to the Studio City Library to hear author Karen Joy Fowler speak about her book, *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* and hear from local organizations about how you can volunteer to help animals in Los Angeles. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Studio City Library. For more information, call (818) 755-7873.

Discover Shushi 2018
Sunday, April 29, 5 pm - 9 pm
Phoenicia Restaurant
343 N Central Ave.

Glendale, CA 91203

Join the Los Angeles Shushi Friendship Association to discover Shushi. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample many of Artsakh's traditional delicacies, including wines and spirits from the region, local jams, preserves and honey, learn about Artsakh's tourism offerings, and get a taste of Shushi's rich tradition of poetry, music and art, and traditional rugs and textiles. Tickets to Discover Shushi 2018 are available for a donation of \$25 per person. For further information visit www.facebook.com/LAShushifriendship.

Neighborhood Cleanup and Tree Giveaway

Sunday May 6, 9am - 11am

Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park

5801 Whitnall Hwy

North Hollywood, CA 91601

Join the NoHo Neighborhood Council at the Whitnall Dog Park to help clean up the area. City Plants will also be giving away free share trees.

Stamp out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 12, 3 pm - 7:30 pm

Various locations in LA County

On May 12, volunteer with the LA Fed, National Association of Letter Carriers, Labor Community Services, and United Way of Greater Los Angeles to stamp out hunger! This volunteer-led food drive is the nation's largest single-day event that spreads out across America to help provide assistance to Americans who are struggling with hunger. For more information, visit:

www.eventbrite.com/e/stamp-out-hunger-may-12-tickets-44201302285

[Click here to view all the upcoming events on our Community Calendar.](#)



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